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Coeur d'Alene School of Woodworking teaches skills of all types to folks of all types, Nils Rosdahl says.

New school is like shop class for grown-ups - or anyone

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Small classes in using tools and techniques for crafts and skills are available at Coeur d'Alene School of Woodworking. The school, which accepts all ages, opened this month at 4951 Building Center Drive behind the Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy on Kathleen Avenue.

Skip Gillespie, also an instructor at North Idaho College, envisioned the classes for senior citizens, but he said many women and people of all ages have shown an interest. Instruction includes how to use tools, techniques and training for specific projects and a place to work. Enrollment is capped at six students for each class.

"I have a passion for senior citizens who have nothing to do but sit in front of a TV," Gillespie said. "People can build a bookcase or a cedar chest, lathe a bowl, whatever they want."

Gillespie and his wife and business partner Peg originally are from Seeley Lake and Ovando, Mont. They've been in North Idaho 15 years.

Classes are in the daytime and evening. Phone 755-9902.